

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) A process for the handling of objects, ~~such as containers (4), particularly bottles~~, comprising handing over the containers (4) to an intake station (5) on a rotating conveyor (2), conveyed by the rotating conveyor (2) first to a discharge station (10) and again to the intake station (5), past the discharge station (10) and, no sooner than upon [[the]] a second reaching of the discharge station (10), removing the containers (4) from the rotating conveyor (2), ~~whereby~~ and wherein one section (16) in the direction of transport (A) between the intake station (5) and the discharge station (10) is passed through multiple times.

2. (Previously presented) A process in accordance with claim 1, wherein the section (16) is passed through two times, and that, upon every passage of the rotating conveyor (2) in the intake station (5), only every second conveying station (3) on the rotating conveyor (2) is occupied, and, in the discharge station (10), only every second conveying station (8), displaced by one conveying station (3) relative to the intake station (5), is emptied.

3. (Currently amended) A process in accordance with claim 1, further comprising carrying out a processing of the container (4) in the section multiply passed through (16), between the intake station (5) and the discharge station (10).

4. (Previously presented) A process in accordance with claim 3, wherein the processing of the same container (4) is carried out upon every passage through the multiple through-passage section (16).

5. (Previously presented) A process in accordance with claim 1, wherein the section multiply passed through (16) is shorter than half the rotating section of the rotating conveyor (2), and that the containers (4) only pass through this shorter section (16) after the intake.

6. (Currently amended) A device for the handling of objects, ~~such as containers (4), particularly bottles,~~ comprising a rotating conveyor (2) provided with conveying stations (3) and[[,]] on which an intake station (5) and a discharge station (10) are ~~positioned~~ arranged, whereby ~~the conveying a section (16) of the rotating conveyor (2) being designed as a multiple through-passage section (16)~~ in the direction of transport (A) between the intake- and the discharge stations (5, 10), the rotating conveyor (2) is designed in such a manner that it conveys the objects first past the discharge station and back to the intake station as a multiple through-pass section (16).

7. (Currently amended) A device in accordance with claim 6, wherein only every second conveying station (3) of the rotating conveyor (2) is available upon one rotation of the rotating conveyor (2) through the intake station (5), and only every second conveying station (3) of the rotating conveyor (2) [[(16)]], displaced relative to the intake station (5) by one conveying station (3), can be emptied by the discharge station (10).

8. (Previously presented) A device in accordance with claim 6 wherein the rotating conveyor (2) has an odd number of conveying stations (3).

9. (Previously presented) A device in accordance with claim 6, wherein the multiple through-passage section (16) has a length that corresponds to less than half the number of conveying stations (3) of the rotating conveyor (2).

10. (Previously presented) A device in accordance with claim 6, wherein the discharge station (10) is, in the direction of transport (A), positioned behind the intake station (5) and directly adjacent to the intake station (5).

11. (Currently amended) A device in accordance with claim 6, [[and]] further comprising a processing device (17) for the containers (4) positioned in the multiple through-passage section (16).

12. (Previously presented) A device in accordance with claim 11, wherein the processing device (17) is a testing device for the repeated, temporally spaced determination of parameters.

13. (Previously presented) A device in accordance with claim 6, wherein the intake station (5) has an intake star wheel (6), the active conveying stations (8) of which have double the spacing distance (b) of the conveying stations (3) of the rotating conveyor (2).

14. (Previously presented) A device in accordance with claim 6, wherein the intake station (5) contains a separating device (9) by which the containers (4) can be brought into a spacing distance (b) corresponding to double the spacing distance (a) of the conveying stations (3) of the rotating conveyor (2).

15. (Previously presented) A device in accordance with claim 6, wherein the discharge station (10) has a discharge star wheel (12), the active conveying stations (13) of which are positioned at a spacing distance (b) which corresponds to double the spacing distance (a) of the conveying stations (3) of the rotating conveyor (2).

16. (Previously presented) A device in accordance with claim 6, and an intake star wheel (6) supplied by a helical separating unit (9), a carousel (2) with an odd number of conveying stations (3), a discharge star wheel (12), and a testing device (17), whereby the discharge star wheel (12) is positioned, in the direction of transport (A), adjacent to the intake star wheel (6), whereby a double through-passage section (16), on which section the testing device (17) is positioned, is formed between the intake- and the discharge star wheel (6, 12), and whereby, upon one rotation of the carousel (2) through the intake star wheel (6), only every second conveying station (3) of the carousel (2) is available, and only every second conveying station (3), displaced relative to the intake star wheel (6) by one conveying station, can be emptied through the discharge star wheel (12).